

- (a) Use of solar energy for water heating.
- (b) Use of solar photo voltaic systems for buildings in remote areas/site.

Public Sector Units

3591. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Public Sector Units in the country;

(b) the number out of them declared chronically sick; and

(c) the policy of the Government regarding these sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) As on 31.3.1991 there were 246 Central Public Sector Enterprises, out of which 10 PSEs were under construction.

(b) and (c). Based on the performance upto the year 1990/91, there are 54 sick public sector undertakings which are required to be referred to the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for the formulation of suitable revival/rehabilita-

tion schemes in accordance with Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985.

No Industry Districts

3592. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'no industry districts' in the country, at the beginning and the end of the seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the efforts being made to remove regional imbalances in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) The number of 'No Industry Districts' in the country is 93. A Statewise distribution of the NIDs is given in the statement attached.

(b) With a view to bringing about regional dispersal in the country, Government are operating a Growth Centre Scheme which is being implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. Under the Scheme, 70 growth centres would be set up throughout the country each at a cost of Rs. 25-30 crores and would be provided with basic infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunication, etc. so as to attract industries to the centres.

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